

SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL AND ORDNANCE OFFICERS

Officials Unable to Secure Men for Army Service.

VACANCIES HARD TO FILL

May Become Necessary for Secretary of War to Make Transfers to Fill Places.

The army is suffering from a shortage of officers in both the Medical Department and Ordnance Department. Neither branch of the service seems to offer sufficient inducement to secure the necessary number of officers to perform the work of these departments, and notwithstanding several recent examinations, the surgeon general of the army has been unable to obtain but a few properly qualified medical officers.

The conditions prevailing in the Ordnance Corps are nearly as serious as the situation in the navy, where there are no naval engineers. It is now recognized that the detailed staff system is not applicable in its present state to the Ordnance Department, as first lieutenants of the line do not care to apply for detail to ordnance duty.

Since February 1, 1901, there have been fifteen vacancies in the Ordnance Department, and of these only three have been filled. Out of five applications but three passed the examinations and are now on ordnance duty.

Repeated applications to the line for candidates have failed to produce any, and unless the Secretary of War arbitrarily orders officers to ordnance duty, irrespective of their wishes, it is thought it will be necessary to amend the law, in accordance with the recommendations of General Crozier, chief of ordnance, so as to make second lieutenants of the line eligible to duty, and giving them, by virtue of detail, an increase of pay.

In his testimony before the House Military Committee, General Crozier said he understood Secretary Root to be in favor of an arrangement of this kind, and explained that he believed in the detail staff system, and was only wishing to have it so applied that advantage could be taken of it by the officers in the lower grades of the service, which cannot now be done.

COMMANDER ROLLER'S CASE NOT REOPENED

Naval Officer's Appeal to Department Ineffectual.

Commander John E. Roller, who was recently ordered home from China by Rear Admiral Evans because he permitted Mrs. Roller to reside on board his ship, the gunboat Monocacy, came over to Washington from New York yesterday to talk with the naval authorities about his case.

He was told that the matter had been settled by the Navy Department's approval of Admiral Evans' action, and would not be reopened. The defense made by Commander Roller, which was that Mrs. Roller remained on board the Monocacy to entertain Mrs. Conger, the wife of the American minister to China, while she and her husband were quartered on the vessel, will, however, be attached to Commander Roller's official record, in order that his side of the case may be fully understood when his record is examined by the board before which he will appear for promotion when he becomes eligible for advancement to the rank of captain.

SAYS MORGAN SEEKS NOBLE FRENCHMAN AS SON-IN-LAW

Paris Newspaper Prints Story That Millionaire Has Offered Settlement of 180,000,000 Francs.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The newspaper "Cri de Paris" today prints a silly story regarding J. Pierpont Morgan.

It says he is trying to arrange a marriage of his daughter with a French nobleman, and has offered a settlement of 180,000,000 francs.

FOREIGN MONEY MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Money was in great abundance today. Discounts weakened and caution was manifested on account of the weakness of Paris exchange.

On the stock exchange operators were cheerful and the business transacted was beyond the usual Saturday's limit, outsiders operating to a fair extent. Consols improved as the result of the ease of money. Home rails were moderately active and mostly higher. Americans opened irregular and fractionally on either side of parity. Their tone was firm, in expectation of a good bank statement. They were not particularly active and closed firm. Grand Trunk was firm in view of the traffic returns being above expectations. Kaffirs were easier on profit-taking.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Business was quieter on the Boerse to-day, though the undercurrent was firm. Internationals and banks were well maintained. Collieries were somewhat easier on realization and Canadian Pacific was slightly easier on New York advices.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale, and all druggists.

ENSIGN AND JACKIES RESCUE VENEZUELAN

Words of Praise for Act of Great Heroism.

Ensign William P. Cronan and eight enlisted men of the gunboat Marietta recently gallantly rescued a Venezuelan fisherman of La Guaira, which has brought praise for them from the Venezuelan government, Rear Admiral Higginson, Rear Admiral Coghlan and others. Not to be behindhand in commending the heroic work of Ensign Cronan and the others, Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling yesterday sent each of them a flattering official letter which was as follows:

"The department has been informed by the commanding officer of the Marietta, and through the State Department by the Venezuelan minister for foreign affairs, of the rescue of a Venezuelan fisherman from drowning by the Marietta's lifeboat off La Guaira, Venezuela, November 25, 1902.

"The rescue was performed in a heavy sea on a dark night, under conditions that exposed the lifeboat and its crew to great danger, and the commanding officer of the Marietta, the second in command, and the commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station, and others who were cognizant of the circumstances, have expressed their warm commendation of the behavior of the officer and men in the lifeboat, and of the admirable manner in which the boat was handled."

Mr. Darling said: "The department is gratified to learn of such praiseworthy acts as these, and desires to communicate to you its appreciation of your skill and good judgment on this occasion of saving a life under difficulties, an incident which is in keeping with the best traditions of the service."

The men who were with Ensign Cronan on the occasion were Coxswain L. E. Benton, Seamen G. G. Mast and D. C. Brakey, Gunner's Mate L. Bolden, Ordinary Seamen T. Martin, C. E. Mills, and W. I. Reed, and Apprentice H. M. Thomas.

In the war with Spain Ensign Cronan served on the Brooklyn as a naval cadet. He was summoned home from the Philippines to testify before the Schley court of inquiry.

VIRGINIA HARNED HURT BY FALL ON ICE

Unable to Appear at Yesterday's Performance of "Iris."

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 3.—Virginia Harned, who played "Iris" at the Detroit Opera House this week, was unable to appear this afternoon and evening because of an injury received New Year night.

When going to her hotel after Thursday night's performance she slipped and fell on a piece of ice and her spine was hurt.

She leaves tonight for New York to consult a specialist, and if he consents will open her Boston engagement Monday night.

Her company will leave tomorrow morning for Boston.

Mrs. Harned played last night, although suffering a good deal of pain.

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I most heartily extend my sincere congratulations and hopes for its future success and prosperity.

Matthew D. Noble
Board of Assistant Secretaries and
Executive Board of D.C.

NO PAY FOR WORKMEN AT TRIGGS SHIPYARD

Work Will Be Crippled by Absence of Men.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—When the hour rolled around today for the regular bi-weekly payment of the employees of the Triggs Shipyards the men, to the number of 1,500, surrounded the general offices of the company in expectation of receiving their pay. Excitement followed the notification that the receiver would have to wait for the order of the court to pay.

At the chancery court it was stated that the court could only authorize the payment of wages since the receiver was appointed, one week ago, and for the other week they would stand on a footing with other creditors.

The men held an excited meeting tonight to consider means of securing their pay and determining their future action. Many will not return to work Monday, and the yard will be in a crippled condition.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MAINE HOLD MEETING

At a meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Maine, last night, the Hon. Wm. Dagley Foulke, Civil Service Commissioner, delivered an address on "Trusts."

Mrs. G. W. Hall read a paper on "The Past, Present and Future of Maine." The meeting was largely attended and Dr. A. Patten presided, and after the exercises supper was served. The next meeting of Sons and Daughters will be held on January 17th.

SAVE THE CHILDREN.

It is more than probable that the work of the Health Office in matters pertaining to the milk business and the educational efforts in preventive sanitation such as ours have been factors in reducing children's sickness.

SCARLET FEVER.

From 808 cases in 1899-1900 to 344 cases in 1901-1902.

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From 1,109 cases in 1899-1900 to 508 cases in 1901-1902.

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JEALOUS ITALIAN KILLS TWO WOMEN

Wounds Two Girls and Then Attempts Suicide.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—At Overton Plantation, East Carroll Parish, La., Sansero an Italian, aged twenty-six years, jealous of Mattie Roseman, entered her house and opened fire with a revolver.

He killed the woman and a friend named Ella Parker. May Roseman, a sister of the woman, and a little girl, name unknown, who happened to be standing near, were severely wounded.

He fired the remaining bullet into his side. It missed his heart but went through his left lung. Sansero will probably recover.

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FIFTH WRECK ON GRAND TRUNK COSTS ONE LIFE

One Fireman Dead, and Another May Die.

ONTARIO, Ont., Jan. 3.—The fifth disaster on the Grand Trunk Railway within ten days occurred at Merriton, near the Niagara frontier today.

An engine running light, not properly following orders, collided with the Chicago-New York express.

A. Default, the fireman on the passenger train, was killed.

Fireman Walling of the other engine was probably fatally injured.

Engineer Duke and Engineer Buckpit were injured.

No passengers were hurt.

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PLANS TO DISCONTINUE PORTO RICO REGIMENT

Preparations for Congress Bill to This End.

Plans for the discontinuance of the Porto Rico regiment are under consideration at the War Department and a bill will shortly be prepared for introduction in Congress to bring this about. The act of Congress authorizing the formation of this regiment provided that it should be continued in service until further direction by Congress.

All the commissioned officers are Americans, and in view of the peaceful conditions prevailing in Porto Rico, Secretary Root does not believe there is any further occasion for maintaining a special military force in the island at the expense of the United States, outside of the coast defense fortifications. He will, therefore, recommend the discontinuance of the regiment, and at the time the right of enlistment in the Regular Army be extended to the citizens of Porto Rico.

In a recent communication on this subject, he says:

"Under the prosperous conditions which have followed the very liberal treatment of the island by the United States, the insular government is well able to support a police force adequate to preserve internal peace and order, and there is no more reason for maintaining a special United States force, in addition to the regular army to protect Porto Rico against external attack, than there is to maintain such a force to protect any part of our territory on the Atlantic Coast. The people of Porto Rico, should, however, have an opportunity to share in the general defense of the Government to which they owe allegiance and of the institutions which they enjoy."

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Remarkable Bargains in Good Second-Hand Pianos.

At the Bradbury Piano Co.'s Annual Stock-Taking Sale.

The Bradbury Piano Co., 1225 Pa. ave., are now in the midst of stock taking, and anyone contemplating the purchase of a Piano can secure some very exceptional bargains by calling at once.

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In addition to the above, there is a second-hand Steinway Piano at \$100, a Knabe at \$75, and a Chickering at \$65.

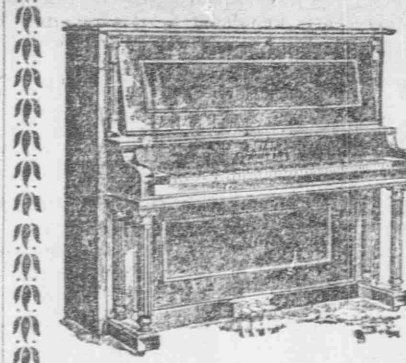
It is also well to remember that the Bradbury Co. is always in the market for second-hand Square Pianos, for which they will make most liberal allowances, giving in exchange a due bill equivalent to cash, which may be used at any time in the purchase of a new Upright Piano. If you have an old Square, why not exchange it for a new Upright? There is no cash outlay required—simply telephone 247 or drop postal to the Bradbury Warehouses, 1225 Pennsylvania ave., and their representative will call and appraise the value of your Piano, move it to the warehouses, free of charge, and send you a new Upright at once if desired. It

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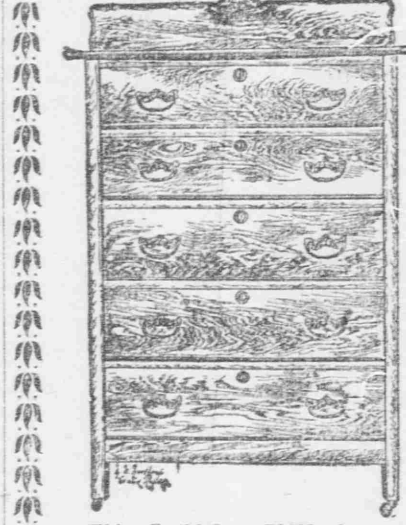
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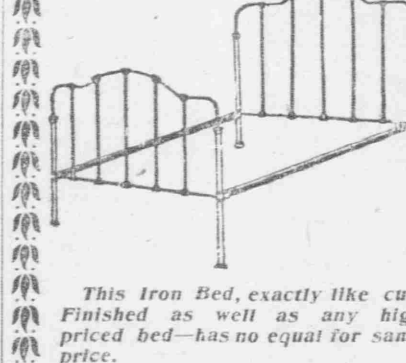
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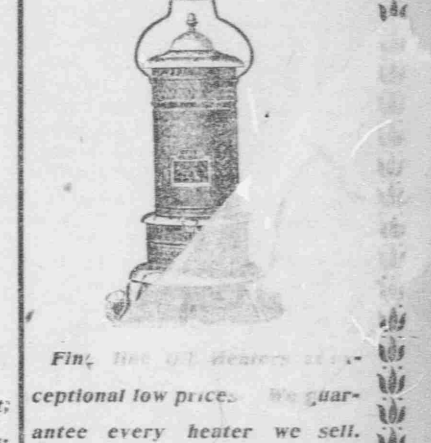
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